

Commission on Connecticut's Future
October 1, 2013
11:00 AM
LOB, Room 1C

Minutes

Committee Chair: Catherine Smith

Members Present: Catherine Smith, Senator Gary LeBeau, Representative Gail Lavielle, John Rathgeber, Jeff Seemann, John Harrity, Henry Lowendorf, Todd Berch, Sharon Palmer, Karl Prew, Steve Palone, Jacqueline Johnson

- I. Meeting convenes at 11:08 AM
- II. Welcome by Catherine Smith, Chair
- III. Introduction of members
- IV. Discussion of the commission's charge
 - a. A report is due on December 1, 2014
 - b. The commission's charge is broad, but emphasizes manufacturing, defense manufacturing, Connecticut's business climate, and change that is environmentally sustainable
 - c. The commission will begin its work by grounding itself in facts
 - i. DOL will provide a report on job trends over the last decade
 - ii. DECD will share its strategic plan
 - d. Manufacturing: data collected should be stratified to compare with national trends; manufacturing should be viewed as central to innovation; we should gather best practices from other states who have been successful at attracting and retaining manufacturing
- V. A meeting schedule will be established via email
 - a. The commission agrees to meet every-other-month through the beginning of 2014
 - b. The commission agrees to hold some meetings in different parts of the state next year to gather public input
- VI. Other business
 - a. A webpage for the commission will be housed on the DECD website
- VII. Adjourn at 12:00 PM